

NSC BRIEFING

30 November 1954

YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS

CHRONOLOGY

I. Background: History of "normalization" campaign falls into four phases.

- A. June-December '53. Campaign starts with June appointment of Soviet Ambassador, to Yugoslavia, continues with decreasing efforts on both sides for rest of year.
- B. January-April '54--almost no activity.
- C. May to mid-September '54--campaign resumed--(small scale trade initiated; complete apology given for maltreatment of Yugoslav diplomats in the USSR.)
- D. Mid-September to present--intensified activity (see full chronology).

II. Position as of mid-September '54

- A. Diplomatic: Full representation (ambassadors or ministers) reestablished with all Eastern Europe Satellites except Poland. Border incidents with neighboring Satellites ceased with establishment

of joint border commissions.

- B. Trade: Barter agreements with Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany (total value \$8,000,000 each way); border rail traffic regularized; relations improved in regulation of Danube River traffic.
- C. Propaganda: Attacks virtually ended on both sides.
- D. Political: Soviet Ambassador visits Tito twice in mid-summer--possibly as groundwork for intensified campaign (only concrete offer was for repatriation of Yugoslav nationals in the USSR, but general talk of trade and other matters).

III. Mid-September to Present

- 16 Sept Moscow starts quoting Yugoslav press, leaders.
- 19 Sept Tito says "normalization" efforts will be received with "good will" but not permitted to alter ties with West.

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21 Sept Rumanian Ambassador lays wreath at tomb of unknown Yugo soldier.

26-27 Sept Soviet press references to economic progress in Yugoslavia.

27 Sept Guardedly favorable Yugoslav press reaction to announced dissolution of Soviet-Rumanian joint stock companies.

29 Sept Anti-Tito radio in Rumania goes off air.

1 Oct Small trade agreement (\$2.5 million each way by the end of the year) with USSR.

4 Oct Warsaw pulls all anti-Tito books.

11 Oct Agreement on high-level trade talks.

13 Oct Vyshinsky "takes cognizance" of Trieste settlement.

13 Oct Yugoslavs admit granting Soviet request for permission for commercial overflights to Albania.

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13 Oct Yugoslav emigre propaganda mills in Orbit
reported abolished.

13 Oct Chinese Communist embassies reported inviting
Yugoslav diplomats to national day parties.

13 Oct Yugoslav press interprets dissolution of
Soviet-Chinese joint companies as change in
policy, as well as methods.

14 Oct Radio Belgrade's transmissions in Russian
no longer jammed.

16-20 Oct On tenth anniversary Belgrade liberation,
USSR press and radio plugs Yugoslav partisans.

25 Oct Tito says he hopes for continuation of
"normalization,"

26 Oct Tito tells Stassen that Russians know they
must not expect "normalization" to alter Yugo
cooperation with West and that talk of return
to the Orbit was "arrant nonsense."

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- 26 Oct Yugo ambassador received by Bulgarian premier
(first such meeting in Satellites).
- 30 Oct Yugoslav and Soviet exchange of films under
negotiation.
- 6 Nov Politburo member Saburov, in major speech,
plugs improved relations with Yugo, pledges
continued efforts--Khrushchev tells Yugo
ambassador that statement was "carefully
examined" decision.
- 6 Nov Tito adds "personal wishes" to those of Yugo
people in congratulations to Voroshilov on
Soviet national holiday.
- 11 Nov Yugo internal radio sees signs of decentrali-
zation of Soviet economic administration
(as in Yugo).
- 14 Nov Belgrade accepts Polish Ambassador (completes
Satellites).

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- 21 Nov Tito says Yugos, while favoring idea of
 such meeting, won't attend Soviet European
 security conference.
- 28 Nov Malenkov, Khrushchev, Molotov and Bulganin--
 attending a reception at the Yugoslav embassy--
 toast "Comrade Tito and the Communist Party
 of Yugoslavia."
- 29 Nov Some Satellite premiers attend Yugoslav
 national holiday receptions.